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JOHN C FREMONT LIBRARY RECEIVES \$24,000 GRANT FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Florence, CO – The John C. Fremont Library will soon have new equipment thanks to a \$24,000 grant from USDA Rural Development. The library will utilize the funding to provide computer equipment, shelves and tables. "We're pleased that USDA Rural Development is partnering with us in our efforts to provide quality library service to the residents of Rockvale, Coalcreek, Williamsburg and Florence," said Judy Van Acker, Executive Director, John C. Fremont Library District.

"Rural Development is proud to be able to assist in revitalizing our rural communities. The funding provided through our Community Facility Program will expand the informational resources available to the residents in this area", said Joe Hostetler, Acting State Director, USDA Rural Development. Rural communities with a population of 20,000 or less are eligible for Community Facility Program loan and grant funding. Funds can be used to provide for essential services, such as child care centers, clinics, assisted living centers, fire stations, etc. Public bodies (cities, municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, etc.); nonprofit organizations including faith based organizations, and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. For further information on USDA Rural Development al programs in this area contact Joe Kost, Rural Development Manager, (719) 275-4465, ext. 102 or visit Colorado's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/co/index.html>

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